

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 27—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF “NATIONAL PURPLE HEART RECOGNITION DAY”

Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. HAGEL) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

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Whereas the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use;

Whereas the Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to members of the Armed Forces who are wounded in a conflict with an enemy force or are wounded while held by an enemy force as prisoners of war, and is awarded posthumously to the next of kin of members of the Armed Forces who are killed in a conflict with an enemy force or who die of wounds received in a conflict with an enemy force;

Whereas the Purple Heart was established on August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War, when General George Washington issued an order establishing the Honorary Badge of Distinction, otherwise known as the Badge of Military Merit;

Whereas the award of the Purple Heart ceased with the end of the Revolutionary War, but was revived in 1932, the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth, out of respect for his memory and military achievements; and

Whereas observing National Purple Heart Recognition Day is a fitting tribute to George Washington and to the more than 1,535,000 recipients of the Purple Heart, approximately 550,000 of whom are still living: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of “National Purple Heart Recognition Day”;

(2) encourages all people in the United States to learn about the history of the Purple Heart and to honor its recipients; and

(3) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to conduct appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support for members of the Armed Forces who have been awarded the Purple Heart.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

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TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title V, insert the following:
SEC. 509. SHARING OF SOCIAL SECURITY DATA FOR IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES.

(a) SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NUMBERS.—Section 264(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1304(f)) is amended to read as follows:

“(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law (including section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986), the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of Labor, and the Attorney General are authorized to require an individual to provide the individual's social security account number for purposes of inclusion in any record of the individual maintained by either such Secretary or the Attorney General, or of inclusion in any application, document, or form provided under or required by the immigration laws.”.

(b) EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.—Section 290(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1360(c)) is amended by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following new paragraphs:

“(2)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law (including section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986), if earnings are reported on or after January 1, 1997, to the Social Security Administration on a social security account number issued to an alien not authorized to work in the United States, the Commissioner of Social Security shall provide the Secretary of Homeland Security with information regarding the name, date of birth, and address of the alien, the name and address of the person reporting the earnings, and the amount of the earnings.

“(B) The information described in subparagraph (A) shall be provided in an electronic form agreed upon by the Commissioner and the Secretary.

“(3)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law (including section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986), if a social security account number was used with multiple names, the Commissioner of Social Security shall provide the Secretary of Homeland Security with information regarding the name, date of birth, and address of each individual who used that social security account number, and the name and address of the person reporting the earnings for each individual who used that social security account number.

“(B) The information described in subparagraph (A) shall be provided in an electronic form agreed upon by the Commissioner and the Secretary for the sole purpose of enforcing the immigration laws.

“(C) The Secretary, in consultation with the Commissioner, may limit or modify the requirements of this paragraph, as appropriate, to identify the cases posing the highest possibility of fraudulent use of social security account numbers related to violation of the immigration laws.

“(4)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law (including section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986), if more than one person reports earnings for an individual during a single tax year, the Commissioner of Social Security shall provide the Secretary of Homeland Security information regarding the name, date of birth, and address of the individual, and the name and address of the each person reporting earnings for that individual.

“(B) The information described in subparagraph (A) shall be provided in an electronic form agreed upon by the Commissioner and the Secretary for the sole purpose of enforcing the immigration laws.

“(C) The Secretary, in consultation with the Commissioner, may limit or modify the

requirements of this paragraph, as appropriate, to identify the cases posing the highest possibility of fraudulent use of social security account numbers related to violation of the immigration laws.

“(5)(A) The Commissioner of Social Security shall perform, at the request of the Secretary of Homeland Security, a search or manipulation of records held by the Commissioner if the Secretary certifies that the purpose of the search or manipulation is to obtain information that is likely to assist in identifying individuals (and their employers) who are using false names or social security account numbers, who are sharing a single valid name and social security account number among multiple individuals, who are using the social security account number of a person who is deceased, too young to work, or not authorized to work, or who are otherwise engaged in a violation of the immigration laws. The Commissioner shall provide the results of such search or manipulation to the Secretary, notwithstanding any other provision law (including section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

“(B) The Secretary shall transfer to the Commissioner the funds necessary to cover the costs directly incurred by the Commissioner in carrying out each search or manipulation requested by the Secretary under subparagraph (A).”.

(c) FALSE CLAIMS OF CITIZENSHIP OR NATIONALITY.—Section 212(a)(6)(C)(ii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(6)(C)(ii)) is amended—

(1) in the heading, by inserting “OR NATIONALITY” after “CITIZENSHIP”; and

(2) in subclause (I), by inserting “or national” after “citizen”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEES ON ARMED SERVICES AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committees on Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs disability rating systems and the transition from the Department of Defense to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of this hearing is to examine the implementation of the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) Program.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to hold a hearing

during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on S. 987, the Biofuels for Energy Security and Transportation Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 10 a.m., in G50 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Filing Your Taxes: An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the Session of the Senate on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 2:15 p.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "International Perspectives on Alternative Energy Policy: Incentives and Mandates and their Impacts."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the Session of the Senate on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 6:40 p.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to consider a substitute to S. 3, the Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2007.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to hold a hearing on equal pay for women workers during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 12, 2007 at 2 p.m. in SD-628.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a business meeting to consider pending legislation, to be followed immediately by an Oversight Hearing on Tribal Colleges and Universities.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, April 12, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

Agenda

I. Committee Authorization, Authorization of Subpoenas in Connection with Investigation into Replacement of U.S. Attorneys.

II. Bills, S. 236, Federal Agency Data Mining Reporting Act of 2007, Feingold, Sununu, Leahy, Kennedy, Carin; S. 376, Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2007, Leahy, Specter, Grassley, Kyl, Sessions, Cornyn; S. 849, OPEN Government Act, Leahy, Cornyn, Specter, Feingold; S. 119, War Profiteering Prevention Act of 2007, Leahy, Feinstein, Feingold, Schumer, Durbin; S. 621, Wartime Treatment Study Act of 2007, Feingold, Grassley, Kennedy; S. 798, Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission Act, Cardin, Warner, Kennedy; S. 735, Terrorist Hoax Improvements Act of 2007, Kennedy, Kyl, Coleman, Schumer; H.R. 740, Preventing Harassment through Outbound Number Enforcement (PHONE) Act of 2007, Scott, Conyers, Forbes, Boucher, Jackson-Lee, Gutierrez, Sherman.

III. Nominations, Robert Gideon Howard, Jr., to be United States Marshall for the Eastern District of Arkansas; Frederick J. Kapala, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois; Halil Suleyman Ozerden, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi; Benjamin Hale Settle, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

IV. Resolutions, S. Res. 112, designating April 6, 2007, as "National Missing Person's Day," Schumer, Crapo, Feinstein.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 12, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISASTER RECOVERY

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 2 p.m. for a hearing titled "GAO's Analysis of the Gulf Coast Recovery: A Dialogue on Removing Obstacles to the Recovery Effort."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCE

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 12, 2007, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing on "Pirating the American Dream: Intellectual Property Theft's Impact on America's Place in the Global Economy and Strategies for Improving Enforcement."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following staff members of the Intelligence Committee be given access to the floor during consideration of S. 372 and all pending matters.

Sameer Bhalotra, Randy Bookout, Tom Corcoran, Mike Davidson John Dickas, Melvin Dubee, Lorenzo Goco, Evan Gottesman, David Grannis, Christine Healey, Andy Johnson, Dan Jones, David Koger, Jack Livingston, John Maguire, Paul Matulic, Don Mitchell, Matt Pollard, Kathleen Rice, Eric Rosenbach, Todd Rosenblum, Jacqueline Russell, Alissa Starzak, Don Stone, Greg Thielmann, Louis Tucker, Jennifer Wagner, Christopher White.

I ask further that Ken Johnson, of the Committee staff, be given unrestricted floor privileges during consideration of S. 372 and related pending matters.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Jack Kammerer be granted the privilege of the floor during the course of debate on the Intelligence authorization bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination: Calendar No. 75; that the nomination be confirmed; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that any statements be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nomination was considered and confirmed as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Claude M. Kicklighter, of Georgia, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

IRAQI AND AFGHANI TRANSLATORS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 1104.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1104) to increase the number of Iraqi and Afghani translators and interpreters who may be admitted to the United States as special immigrants.